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Enforcement Order Issued to Abbott's Waste Oil Service, Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced that an Enforcement Order (Order) was issued in December 2004 to Abbott's Waste Oil Services, Inc. (Abbott's).

Abbott's is a DTSC registered hazardous waste transporter whose facility is located at 2627 Gardena Avenue, Lot A in Signal Hill, Los Angeles County. Abbott's was found to be in violation of several Hazardous Waste Control Laws. The Order included a \$10,000 penalty.

DTSC inspectors noted the following violations during several inspections at the Abbott's facility in May 2004:

- Intentionally contaminating used oil with automotive brake fluid
- Delivering used oil mixed with contaminated petroleum product to a hazardous waste facility not authorized by DTSC to accept such waste
- Failing to record the generator's EPA ID number on receipts when using the consolidated manifesting procedures

Abbott's has corrected two of three violations observed with the exception of the generator's EPA identification number on generators receipts.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.